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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED  
IN THE DAILY NEWS OF MARCH 16:

BEGIN TEXT: ATTEMPTS BY THE NINE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN  
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TO BASE THE RENEGOTIATED LOME CONVENTION  
ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS TO  
BE WATCHED WITH CONCERN BY THE 53 COUNTRIES INVOLVED,  
INCLUDING MAICA.

THE ARGUMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, COMING FROM THE METROPOLITAN  
WORLD, HAS BEEN ONE BASED ON NARROW CONCERNS FAR REMOVED  
FROM THE BRUTAL REALITIES OF THE EVERYDAY PROBLEMS OF THE  
POOR WORLD.

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THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE VIEW OF THESE  
RIGHTS AS BEING ENSURED WHEREVER THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS.

THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY ATTEMPT SO FAR TO LOOK AT THE FACT  
THAT HUMAN RIGHTS INVOLVE THE RIGHTS OF ALL HUMANS TO BE FREE --  
NOT ONLY FROM PRISONS - BUT FROM WANT, HUNGER, POVERTY,

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DEPRIVATION.

THIS, WE BELIEVE, IS AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT ASPECT WHICH HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. IF THEY ARE NOT, THERE IS THE DANGER THAT THE EEC, AND OTHER METROPOLITAN GROUPS AND COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS BANDWAGON, USING THE CONCEPT, AS THEY SEE IT, AS A DEVASTATING POLITICAL WEAPON.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABOUT WHICH THEY ARE TALKING, THERE NEEDS TO BE RESPECT FOR THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS WHICH THE POOR WORLD - IN THE FORUM OF THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC (ACP) GROUP - IS SEEKING FROM THE COUNTRIES OF THE EEC. END TEXT.  
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